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No mining should begin in any state, county, city, or wild place unless and until the 1897 mining laws are updated to reflect modern times, current environmental conditions, and public views about how to use our public lands. To mine in a county near a town whose main economy depends on tourism is suicide for that town. Also, to mine in a high altitude desert in a drought year, in the middle of a global pandemic with Climate Change a universal threat is simply unconscionable. Whether it is legal or not to do so is not the issue here, it is simply common sense that we should reduce, reuse, and recycle before we seek and destroy the last of our wild places for precious metals.

Please do not allow this destructive exploratory drilling to go forward as it threatens our water supplies and endangered species and just is not necessary.

Please deny this permit to maintain and preserve the integrity of the last of all our wild places,

Thank you for your time,

Dana Ellis